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GOV. DRISCOLL ASSISTS IN RIBBON CUTTING



It was a happy occasion as Governor Alfred E. Driscoll (right) and Commissioner Miller assisted Harry L. Derby with the ribbon cutting ceremony at the official opening of the last link of the 8-mile stretch of Route S-3. A crowd of 5000 persons was present as the Governor made the principal address.

Governor Driscoll
Opens Last Link
Of New HighwaySays Highway Program Must
Go Forward

In officially opening Route S-3 to through traffic on September 12, Governor Alfred E. Driscoll said that New Jersey's highway program must go forward unabated in order to keep step with industrial development. He labeled as "ill-informed" those who would cut the State's budget—which he said was one of the lowest in the nation—by reducing the number of proposed highway construction projects.

To do that, he told the assemblage of 5,000, would mean unemployment to many thousands of workers and impede the State development by failing to meet the demands of modern motor transportation.

The Governor stated further that he had no intention of seeking a higher gasoline tax, declaring that "we are going to keep our taxes lower than those of surrounding states."

In referring to the 8-mile section of Route S-3, which was completed between Route 6 at Great Notch and Route 3 at Hackensack River in East Rutherford at a cost of \$11,000,000, Governor Driscoll said it was "the forerunner of more and more of the most modern highway construction in which we are presently engaged."

Ribbon Is Cut

Harry L. Derby, a member of the State Department of Conservation and Economic Development and one of the early advocates of Route S-3, cut the ribbon designating the official opening of this vital traffic artery which forms a direct connection with the Lincoln Tunnel.

After the ceremonies the Governor, escorted by Commissioner Miller who had presented him to the assemblage, and Mr. Derby, became the first person to cross the Passaic River bridge section of the new highway.

200 Attend Outing
Of Ten Year ClubFair Grounds Scene of 18th
Annual Gathering

The 18th Annual Outing of the Ten Year Club was held in the State Fair Grounds at Trenton on August 19 and was attended by about 200 members from all sections of the State.

As usual the main athletic interest was the quoit tournament although the softball game, which was interrupted by rain, ran a close second. John Leadem once more showed that he is among the best of the Highway quoit pitchers by teaming up with Bob Martin and defeating the field.

Prizes for athletic events together with door prizes totaled \$100.00. This coupled with the fact that the food was excellent and that there was a wide variety of beverages made this one of the best outings that have been held in many years.

The Fair Grounds proved to be an ideal place for the affair and President Ken Craft reports that it was the general opinion that the Club would return to this location in the future.

Survey and Plans Job
Goes to Allen C. Ely

The newly created position of Assistant Supervising Engineer of Survey and Plans has been filled by the appointment of Allen C. Ely of Hightstown. Mr. Ely formerly held the position of Soils Engineer and prior to that had worked in both the Construction Division and in Survey and Plans. He has been with the Department continuously since 1922.

Flavin A. Ireton Weds

The marriage of Miss Audrey Rose of Trenton to Flavin A. Ireton took place at the rectory of the Lady of Sorrows Church in Mercerville on Saturday, September 3. Mr. Ireton has been with the Right of Way Division for 20 years and the bride is an attaché of the Law Revision and Bill Drafting Commission. Roger Sherman acted as best man.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple left on a wedding trip to the West Coast.

"DEATH STILL RIDES
OUR HIGHWAYS"

The total of 550 deaths—374 in automobile accidents over the Labor Day weekend prompted Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council, to exclaim, "It is enough to make every American sick at heart. A nation posing as civilized has given a shocking exhibition of mass indifference, recklessness and an insatiable craving to show off. It is time the country took steps to stop it."

There can be no doubt that this death toll is a reflection on our boasted civilization. It portrays a lack of reverence for life which we sometimes ascribe to peoples in other lands who have not the benefits of our mechanized life. Yet a greater percentage of our population each year are killed in motor accidents than are killed by any people by any means. It is truly a "shocking exhibition of mass indifference."

One newspaper columnist writes, "The mass indifference and recklessness . . . would not be so evident on all sides if the operators of automobiles thought for a minute that they would have much trouble 'getting out of it.' The showoffs . . . wouldn't show off so much if our enforcement agencies didn't handle them with kid gloves."

We are told that one of the reasons for these road fatalities is excessive speed. That is true. Speed is on the upswing. The average motorist has yet to learn the simple rule in physics that a car traveling 50 miles an hour goes 73 feet a second; a car traveling at 60 miles an hour 88 feet; and 70 miles 103 feet. A car traveling at 60 miles an hour can't be stopped in less than 484 feet. We also know that to drive a car at rapid speeds requires perfect coordination. Alcohol and gasoline do not mix. Drunken drivers cannot control themselves, much less their cars. Witness the tragic death recently of Margaret Mitchell of Atlanta, the gifted writer and author of "Gone with the Wind," in her home city in Georgia by a truck driver who had been arrested more than 20 times for drunken driving.

The three E's of Highway Safety sometimes appear to be Enforcement, Enforcement and Enforcement. If we are to have an all out crusade against murder we shall have to review even more critically our practices and methods of prevention.

No one—much less a State Department—can point the accusing finger at the other Department for this mass indifference. We are all involved in this present predicament. Everyone and every Department must do its part—engineers no less than State police and motor vehicle agents—to end this indifference. The engineer must design the safest roads; the car manufacturer must build the safest cars. The educator, too, has a task to perform in public education concerning highway safety which is non-transferable.

One thing is clear—we need our best minds, our best wills and our best ways to end the shocking toll of accidents. We can have highway safety if we will it and will not be denied its beneficent objectives.

Spencer Miller, Jr.
State Highway Commissioner

Retired Construction Man
Confined to Hospital

John Davis, retired inspector, for over 25 years attached to the Construction Division, has been confined to the Pitkin Memorial Hospital near Asbury Park for the past three months following a severe heart attack.

Mr. Davis would appreciate having visitors from among his many former associates at any time. He can be found in Room 128 if you are in the vicinity, so why not drop in some day soon.

10 YEAR CLUB
ANNUAL DINNER

Ten Year Club President Kenneth Craft announces that the Annual Dinner of the 10 Year Club will be held on Monday evening, November 7. This is the day before election.

Arrangements for this year's affair are being handled by a committee under the chairmanship of Edward McCardell, 1st vice president.

As in many former years, the Annual Dinner will be held at the Stacy Trent Hotel in Trenton.

25-Year Veterans
To Receive Awards
At 10 Year Dinner

Thirty-nine veteran employees who have completed 25 years of service with the State Highway Department will be honored at the Annual Dinner of the Ten Year Club on November 7.

In addition to these men who will receive gold pins, another even larger group of 20-year men will receive silver awards. The following is a list of the men who are entitled to receive their 25-year pins on this occasion:

Wesley Bates, F. E. Beck, Ronald W. Beck, Guy Cavagnaro, Frank Cleary, Thomas P. Doell, John T. Deter, H. H. Diefenderfer, Fred C. Dileo, Peter Ehrhart, Chas. J. Fleck, Louis Cardello, Henry Henken, Harry R. Hill, David L. Howell, John H. Hulse, Harry Hunter, Mr. Marchettini, Michael Misanin, Thomas P. Pierce, Charles P. Redrow, David B. Rodman, W. L. Rogers, Thomas Rosatto, Barney Ruderman, W. J. Ryan, Charles L. Sagers, Wilson Sharpe, Samuel Shebell, H. C. Short, R. E. Simon, J. C. Smoliga, Charles H. Spence, Wilbur H. Spencer, B. F. Stokes, Ralph B. Tittsworth, M. L. Veil, Roger H. Voorhis, and W. A. Weatherby.

Highway Bowling
Gets Under Way

With the prospects for a close race in the offing, the same eight teams which comprised last year's league faces the barrier on September 19 for the start of the 1949-50 season. Defending champions, the Fernwood G's, under the captaincy of Al Szombaty, cannot afford to rest on their laurels because several teams have materially strengthened and are out to upset the recognized leaders.

Bowling will take place on each Monday night at the Polish Falcon alleys on North Olden Avenue, in Trenton, according to Jack Washburn, league president. Together with George Collins, vice president, and Tony Crea, secretary and treasurer, Washburn is looking forward to the most successful season in the league's history.

The other captains are: Machine Shop, Merton Lawrence; Guards, George Washburn; White Line, Frank Baker; Electrical, John Lyons; Equipment, George Collins; Painters, Clifford Martin; Inspection, Robert Steele.

Team Standing as of Sept. 27

	W	L
Electric	3	—
White Line	4	2
Machine Shop	4	2
Inspection	4	2
G.I.'s	3	3
Guards	2	4
Painters	1	4
Equipment	1	5

S. E. Bullock Transferred
To Planning & Economics

Samuel E. Bullock of Flemington has been appointed Assistant Director of the Division of Planning and Economics by State Highway Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr.

Prior to assuming his new position with P & E Mr. Bullock served for several years as assistant to Harold Giffin, Supervising Engineer of Survey and Plans. He is a veteran of both the Construction and Survey and Plans Divisions, having entered the employ of the State Highway Department in July, 1917.

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THE GOVERNOR'S SALARY DIRECTIVE

The bold action of Governor Driscoll in correcting some "obvious errors" under an interpretation of the Civil Service Commission, in the revision of salaries in the State service under Chapter 27 of the Laws of 1949, has done a good deal to end the doubts that "salary revision" was a phrase to be mouthed rather than a policy to be administered NOW and not on July 1, 1950. The Governor's directive has done more—it has restored the morale of the employees and given to each of them both the hope and the belief that each employee will be "treated justly and equitably."

The procedure established for all employees who wish to appeal from the proposed salary revision is to present their appeal to the Civil Service Commission. It will, however, make for an orderly procedure if the Highway Department is informed of such appeals and the action taken by the Commission. The Department is no less eager than individual employees in the outcome of these appeals.

SURVEY and PLANS

FRED C. CLAUS

UPPER MONTCLAIR

Frank Spagnola

Let's start the column with babies—beautiful babies—it was a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Nick Tancardo, and for the Rocco Di Giacomone family it was a husky male. Nick still trails Rocco—score, 2 to 3.

New faces around these parts are: Joseph Graziano, jr. engr., and Frank Barrosa, eng. aide; J. G. is currently with Chief Bill Kunzler on the Secaucus Relocation project, and F. B. is with Chief Nick Amato on the Fall-sides Parkway job. O yes, Ivan "Ken" Packer is now one of us—he's an assistant engineer, assigned to office duties, AND—what d'yuh know—Principal Engineer Bill Bloss of the Newark Office is a temporary guest in our office. Bill is working on a very special assignment!

We are losing our temporary summer employees. They are: F. Vecchio, J. Brown, F. Tipping, J. O'Connell, E. Duxbury, and T. Neville. They're back to their "book larnin'" at the colleges. An "au revoir" also to Joseph Artusio, jr. engr.—he's taking a one-year leave to continue his education at the Newark College of Engineering.

BITS OF CHITS—Norm Sandler is doing better work (if that's possible). His new workbench is next to a nice big window. . . . Chas. Hirst sure makes like the crow flies for West Point Pleasant each Friday night. He has a nice place down there. . . . Chief Della Torre and his survey gang took some rugged cross-sections out on Route 23—they were 800 feet long. Up slopes so steep that they had to take slope distances and vertical angles. . . . Saw Bill Kunzler yesterday—he's looking good. . . . Haven't seen Chief Harry Gornitzky or his field crew for months—wonder how they are doing on the Route-S-4-B project? . . . Yes, and Chiefs Bubier, Fuca, and Demarest, and their parties on Route S-3, which is nearing completion—long time no see from reports, though, they are all up to par.

RE: VACATIONS—Coupe and family spent two nice weeks down at the shore. . . . The Englishman family excursioned by auto to Buffalo and Niagara Falls. . . . Matchett and family enjoyed a week visiting relatives in Penn'sylvania. . . . Kettlewood used some of his vacation time working "hum on the farm". . . . Weiss used some of his off-duty time, his new home. . . . Simpson did the same, renovating the old homestead.

TRENTON OFFICE

Al Cohen

At this writing Willis Osborne is again in the hospital. The medics won't say or don't quite know what's wrong. They suspect rheumatic fever. We trust that it's not that serious. Having a new car and being confined is certainly not conducive to speedy recovery, whatever the ailment. It is hoped that Ozzie will be up and around soon and adding lots of mileage to his new Ford.

From all reports "Skipper" Jerry Osborn is making excellent use of that sea-going cabin job of his.

Wilfred Watson has announced that he will be glad to see any of us who come down South Seaside Park way. His newly constructed white cottage at 23rd Ave. is practically completed, thanks to the help and advice from some of the boys and Mrs. Watson. John Madden specialized in the roofing department and layout of electrical work. Willis Osborn assisted in design, while Phil May carried block. No engraved invitation is necessary. Just drop in.

We hope that Mary Gordon's father will have a speedy and complete recovery.

NEWARK OFFICE

A. Burne

Michael Carolan and party consisting of Robert Turner, William Kirchner, Leonard Liebowitz, Thomas Taylor, and Joseph Prochnicki have been loaned to the Cranford Office for assignment on layout work for the Route 4 Parkway.

All we get from Bert Vreeland and Maurice Urdang these days are big smiles. We kind of surmise that their new porcelains have something to do with it.

Anyone interested in the installation of new or second-hand oil burners should consult Ed Houghton or Ed Miller. They haven't tried them out in cold weather yet, but we'll get reports shortly.

VACATION NOTES—Harold Lang vacationed at Ortley Beach. . . . Al Desimone at Seaside Heights. . . . Lew VanBergen spent a couple of weeks at Manasquan. . . . Harry Stover enjoyed a week off dividing his time between the Stover summer homestead at Irwina, Pa. . . . Ralph Perry is visiting his family at Westwood, Mass. . . . Bill Kaufman enjoyed a two-week sojourn at Cape Cod. . . . and some

BRIDGE BRIEFS

CHESTER P. SMITH

Morris Goodkind attended a convention of the American Society of Civil Engineers at Mexico City in July.

H. R. Gabriel, former principal engineer in the Bridge Division, is now taking care of bridge work out in Ohio. He and Mrs. Gabriel are thinking of retiring but have not decided when or where.

George Gordon is studying for his Master's Degree at the Newark College of Engineering. He recently dropped an idea into the Suggestion Box which has already been adopted. Heartiest congratulations to George.

George Hefferman is personally building a garage which is now nearly completed.

Hedin and Patrick inspecting the Route 25 mile long viaduct from South Street, Newark, to the Pulaski Skyway.

Michael Tristan, in the hospital eight days, is now at home recuperating. Get well soon, Mike.

Leonard Busch has just become engaged to Miss Ruth Rudnick of Philadelphia and he looks very happy over it. Congratulations!

VACATIONS: J. H. Patrick fishing at Forked River Inlet. . . J. M. Fury at Ortley Beach. . . Dorothy Jakubisin at Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City. . . Marcel Ludasy at Asbury Park. . . Phil Burch visiting his brother in Maryland and a side trip to Williamsburg, Va., the town restored to Colonial days by Rockefeller; also to Wakefield, Va., and Stratford Hall, Va., birthplaces of George Washington and Robert E. Lee, respectively. . . Yours truly at Ocean Grove. . . L. C. Petersen in Portland, Maine. . . and W. H. Spencer at Wildwood.

VISITORS: Jim Whitehead, who is on duty at Route 28 and Route 29, Section 1-A. . . Jack Sheenan reports that one side of the big double box culvert is carrying the Assunpink Creek. . . Bill Campbell of Highland Park, "the boy" who walked off with the prize for telling the best joke at the 1948 Bridge Division Forum in the Stacy Trent. . . Major Herbert Goodkind has taken on weight since returning from the late war. . . J. J. Krieg on business in connection with Route S-3, Section 1-A, Clifton.

British Publication Praises Suggestion Systems

A recent British publication bearing the imposing title, "American Management Techniques and Practices and their bearing on Productivity in British Industry" carried an interesting section dealing with the success of the Suggestion Box Plans in American industry.

In commenting upon the Suggestion Box, the writer Mr. A. P. Young, says, "They show democracy in action and at its best. Every member of the team has an opportunity of infusing his creative thinking into the managerial control, and I can imagine nothing more satisfying to anyone than to see his own ideas in action, making their appropriate contribution to productive efficiency."

The booklet has been dedicated by its author to "Spencer Miller, Jr., whose friendship is a living source of inspiration and strength."

of the others have taken trips, day at a time. We are expecting Carl Borton back soon from his annual trip to see his mother at Glasgow, Montana.

As the summer comes to a close we lose our summer help, most of whom are returning to college. Those from this office whom we have enjoyed working with are John Karl, Ed Finkel, Steve Hladko, Henry Eisner, and Sebastian Galella. We all wish them a successful year at their respective colleges, and look forward to possibly having them with us again next summer.

BRIDGE DIVISION PICNIC



Charlie Fox tosses a quoit for the hub while Joe Malone, Chet Smith, Joe Stanley, George Gordon, Ted Kiselwicz, Phil Burch, and Leonard Busch look on. Fox and Wilbur Spencer proved to be the champs in this outstanding athletic event of the picnic.



Penny ante holds the attention of J. W. Ertle, Ed Hart, Ralph Titsworth, Jack Koffler, J. J. Krieg, J. R. McKeever, and W. F. Holstrom at the recent picnic held by the Bridge Division on the Rossiter farm, near Brownsburg, Pa. Judging from the expressions of the players, a big pot is in the making.

PLANNING and ECONOMICS

B. T. PATTERSON

The Division was shocked to hear that Max Wagner's daughter, aged 7, contracted polio while visiting at the shore. The prompt action taken by Mr. and Mrs. Wagner in getting the child to the Monmouth Memorial Hospital for treatment will result in a complete recovery for little Gail Wagner. The Division extends the wish for a happy and rapid recovery.

Our director, Otto H. Fritzsche, also had an unfortunate occurrence in his family. It seems that Mr. Fritzsche's mother, who is 86 years young, broke her leg as the result of a fall. We wish her a rapid and complete recovery.

A hearty welcome is extended to Arthur J. Quinn, Mr. Quinn, formerly with E. R. Sherbaum, safety engineer, at present is doing special studies on highway safety.

We thought Werner Sonntag was joking when he told us that three string beans from his garden made an ample serving for two. He confirmed this story by bringing in two of the vegetables that measured about a foot long.

Vacation-bound: Helen Tallon to Atlantic City for a well-earned rest. . . Tom Frascella to Florida for a planned two weeks. We wish both Helen and Tom many happy sunny hours.

Rita DeVaney has just returned from a motor tour in Canada. We understand that Rita visited the famed St. Anne de Beupre Shrine near scenic Quebec.

John Steward, our own nature boy, is in his glory being relief for field employees who are on vacation.

EQUIPMENT ITEMS

JAMES O'ROURKE

It was indeed a treat to see "Colonel" Frank O'Brien when he returned to work on Monday, August 22, looking hale and hearty after a series of operations. Welcome back, Colonel.

On July 25 Bill Precinski, of the Fernwood Stock Room gang, and Miss Helen Markulec were married in Trenton. Following a two-week honeymoon trip through the New England states, the couple are now at home in Trenton.

The stork stopped off at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Washburn of the mechanical staff at Fernwood and left an 8-lb. baby girl on September 1. Mother and daughter are doing fine and father Jack will some day be himself once more.

On August 3 James Tryon, chauffeur for Fred Claus, met with an accident that resulted in his death at M-Kinley Hospital in Trenton. Jim entered the employ of the Highway Department on September 29, 1941. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lucille Tryon, and one son, James, Jr. To these we extend our deepest sympathy.

Back in 1899 a gay young swain named Robert Kreps was seen making regular visits to the home of Miss Ada Bouden. This resulted in a wedding on August 20, 1899. This same couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Aug. 20, 1949, with a quiet reception at home. The swain is none other than our old pal, Bob Kreps of Fernwood's snow plow gang. To them we extend our congratulations.

Congratulations are also extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Butterfoss who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary also on August 20, 1949.

TEN YEAR CLUB ANNUAL DINNER NOVEMBER 7th

Glamor Gossip

DORIS and JOAN

Well, gals, it's almost time to put that bathing suit away in moth balls and drag out those ski suits and ice skates, but before you start we have some gossip on our late vacationers.

Dottie Jantz spent two weeks in Seaside and as yet haven't received any card or word from her. We presume she's lived the "life of Riley."

Marion Shesko spent a week in Seaside and when she wanted a change of scenery she skipped up to the Poconos and spent a week at Split Rock Lodge. Enjoyed every minute of it, too. Pictures do tell, don't they, Marion?

A motor trip to Canada was enjoyed by **Ann Manion** of the Right-of-way Division. **Dorothy Hunt** of the Administration Division also vacationed in Canada.

Josephine O'Hara spent three weeks in Point Pleasant and came back several shades darker.

The immediate office of the Maintenance Division spent a very delightful day at the summer home of **Mr. and Mrs. Alex Muir** and daughters at Culver Lake. The gals who attended were **Mrs. Tony Kuhn**, **Mrs. P. L. Voss**, **Mrs. Charles Doherty**, **Mrs. Norman Horner**, **Mrs. Helen Hunt**, **Vinnie Beckner**, **Florence Millerick**, **Dottie Jantz**, **Eleanor Elston**, and **Doris DeCarlo**. We had a perfect day and the food was super-special—couldn't have been otherwise with a chef like **Mr. Muir**. **Ella Moore** and **Joan Petry** were unable to attend as they were vacationing.

During the trip up to Culver Lake, **Florence Millerick** tried to impress the driver of her car with the fact that the gasoline was getting low and that it might be a good idea to fill up. Her decided preference for Esso stations is unexplainable, unless, of course, this is "Standard" practice.

A cordial handshake and welcome is extended to **Freda Landin** who began her career with the Administration Division on the first of September.

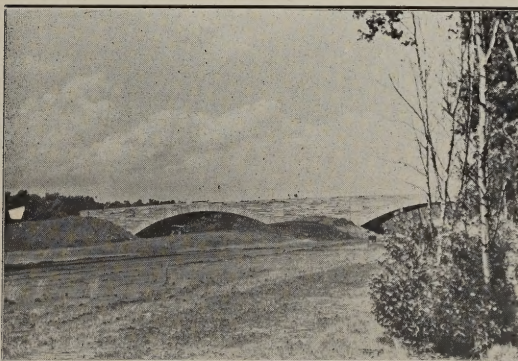
The State House Annex once again has regained the quietness it lost when summer began. This can only mean that the college "fellas" have gone back to the grind. But cheer up gals, you can continue your romancing about eight months hence.

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Lillian Naples** upon the recent death of her father who was a resident of Princeton, N. J.

The persistent hot weather of June and July caused the postponement of several birthday celebrations at 148 W. State Street. As a result a quadruple affair was held in the cooler weather of late August at which **Dorothy Brown**, **Rita De Vane**, **Margaret Gibbs**, and **Marion Hester** were fêted. The hostesses on this occasion were **Helen Tallon**, **LaRaine Doherty**, and **Florence King**.

Congratulations to **Helen and Joe Tallon** who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on September 17.

See you in the next issue.
'Bye now.



The gracefully curving arches of the New Dover Road Bridge span an unpaired section of Route 4 Parkway in Woodbridge Township. An interesting note is the manner in which the center island mounds up as it approaches the bridge, not only affording an added safety measure, but utilizing the approximate curve of the arches, enhancing the aesthetic qualities of the structure.

MAKES HOBBY PAY



Bridge attendant **Bernard Golden**, when not raising or lowering the Route 4-N Bridge at Belmar, takes to the air in a Stearman biplane and photographs areas of Monmouth and Ocean Counties. What started out as a hobby has now developed into a business occupying a large part of Golden's spare time. Besides aerial photography, this Highwayman finds time to act as secretary of the Jersey Aero Club, the largest flying organization in the State, and to assist with the secretarial work of the State Bridge Employees' Association.

Construction Comments

G. H. CONNER

Have you noticed how studious our ex-servicemen have been lately? Well, don't be misled, most of them are really trying to figure out the insurance dividend they should receive.

Frank Kowar, jr. engineer on Interstate Parkway, is a retired U. S. Army veteran, having 23 years of service. Frank must have found the Fountain of Youth in his travels because he doesn't look much more than twenty-three years of age.

Larry Kavanaugh had a serious operation from which he is slowly recovering, but he still retains that smile.

Joe Adrosko, our physical culture advocate, fell off a ladder which laid him up for several weeks, but Joe is in the "pink" again.

Harry Shorkley, jr. engineer, is in West Hudson Hospital with pneumonia. We hope he will soon be back with us.

Henri Petti, assistant engineer, is building a home in Verona. He and his wife, **Esther**, a former employee of this department, have just returned from a vacation spent in Canada.

Harry Maxmann, formerly an engineer with the New York State Highway Department, is now supervising the rock excavation on the Interstate Parkway. We welcome him to our family.

Paul Shidlowski, jr. engineer, has become engaged and would welcome any leads on an apartment.

David Pettigrew has a new television set and says he spends a good many evenings at home now in his slippers and smoking that ever present cigar.

LABORATORY LINES

CHRIS KUCKER

It's campus time for the vacation employees: **Edward House**, senior at Princeton; **Robert Duncan**, Trenton Jr. College; **Richard Watow**, freshman at Duke University; **Ted Hillman**, junior at Lafayette; **David Scates**, senior at Hamilton High; **Eugene Sich**, junior at Syracuse. Good marks to all.

Corp. Robert Mellor of the N. J. National Guard had leave to further his military training at Pine Camp, N. Y.

Walter Johnson, **Russell Sigafos**, **Ralph Sherman**, and **Herbert Dieffenderfer** were among the invited guests during a recent inspection trip sponsored by the Bell Telephone Co. at their research laboratories in Murray Hill, N. J.

Ned Woodruff, a Lab employee 25 years ago, recently paid us a visit. The many new faces confused him temporarily, but he was amazed at the number of old timers still present.

Alice Mayer was the winner in a contest sponsored by the Fleming Fur Co. Her prize—a television set valued at \$1,000. To say that Alice was thrilled would be putting it mildly.

August vacationists included: **Maurice Raub** relaxing at Asbury Park, **Jule Smolgas** resting at Greenwood Lakes, and **William**

Maintenance Notes

CHARLES J. DOHERTY

A few weeks ago members of the Maintenance Division office force, together with their wives, spent a most delightful Sunday at **Mr. and Mrs. Muir's** summer home overlooking Culver Lake in Sussex County. Both **Mr. Muir** and his wife, excellent hosts, were had put at times trying to satisfy some of the abnormal appetites, but, with the able assistance of their two daughters, they managed quite well. One of the highlights of the day was a trip led by **Mr. Muir**, up to the top of Sunset Mountain in Sussex County State Park, where we were able to command a wonderful view of the surrounding county. About sunset it became our privilege to witness a most unusual religious service. A barge, equipped with an organ, made its way to the middle of the lake. Upon reaching its anchorage, numerous small boats converged on that central point. The service, with its beautiful music, lasted the better part of an hour and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. When the party finally broke up, everyone was agreed that a good time was had by all.

George McCann recently took his boat out for deep sea fishing. He reports that he had a pretty rough time with the ocean, but quite a bit of luck with the fishing. Some of the big ones managed to get away, however.

Bus Walklett, returning from a vacation at the shore, reports that he, too, got in quite a bit of fishing and that he had the usual run of bad luck one day and good the next. **Bus** says he must have been using the wrong kind of bait on those bad days.

Warren Oldham picked Atlantic City to spend his vacation and says that he is rapidly developing a bad case of bunions from patrolling that long boardwalk. He sent us cards, though—in fact we were literally swamped with them, each person in the office receiving one. He must have spent a small fortune in post cards alone.

We wish to extend our sympathies to the family and relatives of **Otto Kramer**, whose death occurred on August 28. **Mr. Kramer** had been with the Maintenance Division since 1935 and had worked under **Foreman Desio**.

Russ Geller reports that he has just acquired his first pair of bifocals, and that if he seems to be walking around seeing double it isn't due to what some people might think, but just that he hasn't yet become accustomed to them. **Russ** says his biggest trouble is in starting to go down steps, some of which seem to merge into one. Better not try to skip any, **Russ**.

We wish to extend our sympathies to **Mike Ondy** of our office force, whose wife, after suffering from a long illness, died during the middle of July.

Anon. Contribution: Who do you think bought a lot and worked his hands full of blisters constructing a house and then had to wait for a hot water system before he could move in? A clue will be found in the by-line at the top of this column.

Ryan traveling to Niagara Falls and Canada.

Abe Watow, while inspecting the manufacture of traffic paint at Baltimore, Md., had as a co-worker a gentleman from Mississippi who was doing similar work for his home state. The gentleman from Mississippi was very much impressed with our highway system, particularly the fine traveling he was able to do on a trip to New York City. However, he could not understand how our illuminated directional signs were in such good condition. He claimed that in Mississippi the lights would be continuously shot out by gun shot and that in his State the markers used for designating routes looked like the main target in a shooting gallery.

Fred Baumann recently became a grandfather—**Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Baumann** being the parents of a son and heir, **Peter Lee Baumann**.

Administration Division

BILL WARD

During the summer the members of the Mail Room staff and their friends held an outing on the shores of Carnegie Lake at Princeton. All arrangements were handled by **Peggy Loveland** and **Frank Herrera**. A communique from the Mail Room reveals that softball, quoits, canoeing, and other sports were enjoyed, with hot dogs, toasted marshmallows, etcetera, in between times.

Note to Mail Room: Was the "etcetera" cold?

Some idea of the difficulties which beset the Trenton ball team this past year came to light when **Kermit Bonner** announced his regular season had been located between second base and third. Right on top of the play!

Bob Kuhn, son of **Charlie**, had some of us puzzled for quite a while by his repertoire of songs that were popular twenty or thirty years ago. It turned out that **Charlie Kuhn** has saved all the records he bought those days and that was the source of **Bob's** repertoire.

Hi, **Charlie**! If some of the old rusted blades here would like to hear them again, do we ring the bell or just walk in?

Readers of this column who still remember the masterful navigational skill with which **David Rodman** guided the "Delaware Belle" last year will be pleased to learn that the "Commodore" was again entrusted with the command of the Annual American Legion moonlight sail on the Delaware.

John Egan went up to New York to see some friends off to Europe. Anyone ever hear of a ship called—and I quote—"Eel de Frawnce"?

Leonard Leighton was such a regular attendant at the Musical Circus at Lambertville this past summer that the members of the cast fell into the habit of nodding and waving to him as they made their appearance.

A casual fellow, that **George Dederick** walked into a place on a Saturday afternoon, picked out a Buick, and drove it home on Tuesday. Says he could have had it Monday, but he wanted some details changed. What he means is that, as it stood, it didn't match his sportcoat.

Tony di Stefano, affable member of the Mimeograph Room staff, writes sports for the Trenton Times.

Deepest sympathies are extended to **Bill Wildblood** upon the passing of his mother, **Mrs. Lizzie Hassall Wildblood**, of Trenton, on August 9. **Mrs. Wildblood** was in her 77th year.

Condolences are also extended to **Charlie Engnaghen** of the Commissioner's office. His father, **George Engnaghen**, passed away on August 12.

"Air Force Wants Bachelors"—Headline. Ladies first, **Bub**.

10 Year Club

ANNUAL DINNER

Stacy-Trent
Hotel

Nov. 7th

Be Seem' You

OUTING COMMITTEE OF TEN YEAR CLUB



The men who did the arranging and real work at the 10 Year Club outing are shown above with their chairman, Ed McCardell. From the left are (standing): Russ Parker, John Gulch, McCardell, Jim Malloy, Sven Heedin, Tony Crea, Clarence Scales, John Rochford, Club President Ken Craft, Louis Galloni; (kneeling) Mike Lesnak, Paul Petito, and Frank Matzer. To these fellows fell the job of seeing to it that about 200 hungry and thirsty men were taken care of throughout the day. They performed this task with distinction.

ELECTRICAL FLASHES

JOSEPH MAHAN

Our congratulations are extended to the operating personnel of the Route 35 Inland Waterway Bridge who have been commended by the Point Pleasant First Aid Squad for their splendid cooperation and efficiency.

In similar vein, the men on the Rt. 4-N Shark River Bridge have received a letter from the Mayor of Belmar citing their fine work in connection with the 1949 Tuna Tournament which was recently concluded.

Their vacations over, Mr. Hays, Bill Widmann, Dot Hudak, Frank Hulfish, Al Wright and Tony Russo are back on the job.

Welcome to recent additions: Bill Salb of the Trenton office; Bill Anthel, Michael McFaul, and Elwood Ellis, assigned to Fernwood.

Izzy Friedman expects to move into his new house at 20 Stokes Street, Freehold, on October 1.

Back from a serious operation and ready for work is James Gallagher, bridge operator, of Highlands, and we are also pleased to note the recuperation of Frank Grasing, Ward Dean, and Norman Hope, bridge operators.

The personnel complement of the new Route S-3 Passaic River Bridge is now complete, and the new crew, under leadership of Charles Simonton, chief operator, have taken over.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS DISCUSSED WITH GOVERNOR

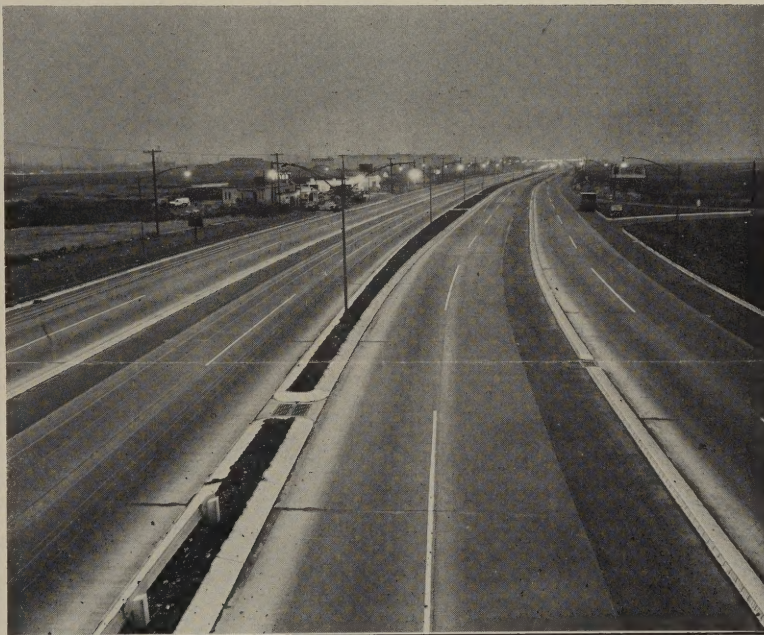
Plans Made to Relieve Congestion in Vicinity of State House

In an effort to work out a solution to the increasing traffic congestion and parking problem in the vicinity of the State House, Governor Driscoll met with members of the Trenton City Commission and State Highway Department on September 27. For a number of years traffic and parking have assumed increasing importance in this location and it was for the purpose of working out an adequate relief plan that the Governor called this conference. Among the decisions arrived at and which will be put into effect without delay are the following:

Lafayette Boulevard running along Stacy Park in the rear of the State House will be converted into a divided highway.

Rotary traffic in one direction will be established around the War Memorial Building.

A parking lot of 400-car capacity will be constructed in the vicinity of the Douglas House



Looking toward Newark from Elizabeth along the dual-dual section of Route 25 (US 1) at twilight affords a rare view of this most modern of highways. Absence of traffic on this ordinarily busy stretch of road enhances its beauty and focuses attention to lighting, a feature which usually goes unobserved. The traffic was actually as heavy as ever, but time exposure and clever retouching eliminated all but a faint trace of it.

in Stacy Park and parking will be abolished on the south side of State Street in the vicinity of the State House. Parking will also be prohibited around the War Memorial Building and along the Boulevard.

The Governor has ordered the Attorney General to prepare legislation giving the Trenton police supervision over traffic and parking enforcement on State property affected by this improvement.

The Highway Department was represented at this meeting by Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr., Acting State Highway Engineer Edward W. Kilpatrick, his assistant, C. A. Burn, as well as Harold W. Giffin, O. H. Fritzsche, and Wesley R. Bellis.

Over 400 Attend Bridge Division Annual Outing

State Highway employees, contractors, material men and friends of the Bridge Division Club, together with members, joined forces at the Pines on Route 27 on October 1, for the Club's annual outing. More than 400 were in attendance.

In addition to the regular outing menu, the gathering sat down to a full course dinner at 6:00. This was followed by an unusually fine show.

Throughout the afternoon a full program of athletic events kept the more active guests entertained, while refreshments and card games offered others an opportunity to relax.

The committee in charge of this largest of all employee activities, consisted of Wilbur Spencer, chairman, J. J. Koffler, Paul Gabrenas, Sven Hedin, Loren Schortz and J. H. Patrick.

Thousands View Highway Exhibit At State Fair

Models, Motion Picture, and New Traffic Signals Feature 1949 Display

A total of over 40,000 persons viewed the State Highway exhibit this year at the Trenton Interstate Fair, according to reliable estimates.

The theme of this year's display was Parkways and Freeways and it featured models of the Trenton Freeway, the Route 4 Parkway through a section of Irvington, and the Parkway as it passed through East Orange. In addition to this, the motion picture, "Parkways for New Jersey," was shown in continuous performances.

As an added attraction, the Electrical Division set up a new type of traffic light and pad controller which was demonstrated in actual operation. Explanation of the workings of this light was clarified by a model of an intersection in which miniature traffic lights operated.

The entire exhibit was placed against a background of evergreens which were placed in such a manner as to form a small theatre for the projection of the motion picture. In this "theatre" seats were provided for the convenience of the general public.

The Highway exhibit occupied a space 42 feet long and 16 feet wide. The electrical features were handled by George Goidy and Abram Bates of the Electrical Division, while projection of the picture was under the direction of Jacob Beers of the Equipment Division.

Landscape settings were placed by the crew of Foreman John Lloyd under the general supervision of Robert S. Green, principal landscape engineer.

Highway Department Participates in Planning Conference

The Highway Department set up an exhibit of modern highway design in the Hotel Warwick, Philadelphia, on September 22 in conjunction with the Greater Philadelphia-South Jersey Conference on Planning and Economic Development.

Governor Alfred E. Driscoll, together with Governor James H. Duff of Pennsylvania, were the principal speakers. Commissioner Miller was a member of the panel discussion on Highway Planning for the Greater Philadelphia-South Jersey Area.

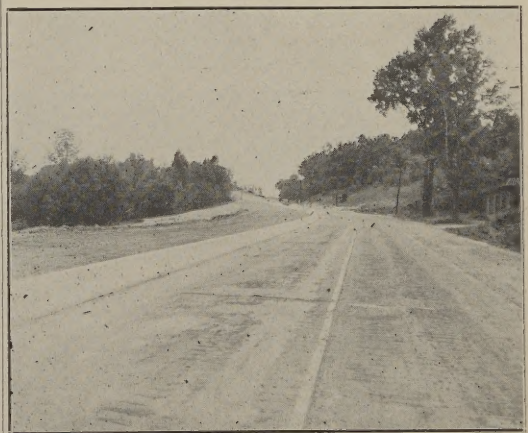
The conference was under the direction of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

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This is the new "barrier curb" which has been installed as a safety precaution on the Jughtown Mountain job on Route 28. The existing 2-lane road is shown on the right and the graded width of the new highway, as yet unopened on this section, can be seen at the left. The new curb is 16 inches high and 30 inches wide at the base. The contractor is A. J. Cunningham & Sons of Trenton.